

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-8, 11 and 14-15 have been amended.

Claims 1-15 are pending.

Claim Rejections

35 U.S.C. §102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Trumbauer et al (US 5,820,084. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Trumbauer discloses a Baby Bottle Supporting Bib having a grooved or troughed foam member 36 having a cover 38. The member 36 does include a trough or groove 44. In contrast, Applicant's claimed invention discloses a bib pillow that does not have a groove or trough. It has a front and rear end defined by a smooth curvature from the rear to the front. The front end includes baffles defined by having curved walls and micro-depressions between adjacent baffles. Furthermore, a depression is formed along the baffles generally parallel with the bottle loop. The depression in the baffles would then be generally perpendicular to a bottle placed within the bottle loop. Applicant respectfully points out the Office Action incorrectly equates Trumbauer's trough 44 with Applicant's depression in the baffles. Trumbauer's trough is in the foam member and parallel to a bottle placed within the trough. As stated above, Applicant's depression is in the baffles and perpendicular to a bottle placed in the bottle loop. Applicant further points out that there are simply no baffles, inherent or otherwise in Trumbauer's invention. A bottle placed within Trumbauer's trough 44 would simply overhang the foam member 36 adjacent a baby's mouth. Applicant's claimed invention shows a clear improvement and advantage over Trumbauer

and other prior art by defining baffles that further support the cap and nipple of a bottle and allow greater freedom of movement and support of the bottle on Applicant's bib. Applicant has defined baffle very specifically in the claims and specification.

Applicant further points out that Trumbauer discloses a strap member 46 having two individual straps 48 and 50 that must be connected to one another to support a bottle. Applicant's claimed invention discloses a continuously closed bottle loop that has the further advantage of forming a tight secure fit around a bottle.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6-8 to clearly recite the novelty of Applicant's claimed invention and to more clearly recite the features of the bottle loop, baffles and depression.

35 U.S.C. §103

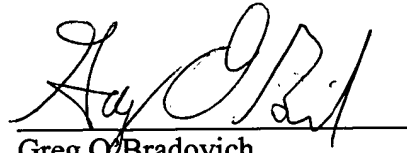
The Office Action rejected Claims 4 and 11-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trumbauer in view of Straham et al (US 6,442,759). Applicant submits that this rejection has been addressed with respect to the arguments and amendments presented above with respect to the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection.

The Office Action rejected Claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Trumbauer. Applicant submits that the rejection of Claim 8 has been addressed in the arguments set forth above with respect to the 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection.

Claims 11 and 14-15 have been amended to more clearly recite the novelty and non-obviousness of Applicant's claimed invention and to more clearly recite the bottle loop, baffles and depression.

If Examiner has any questions regarding this document, Applicant asks that Examiner contact the undersigned immediately by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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